



Bruno A. Barreiro

Miami-Dade County Commissioner - District 5

District 5 Newsletter

Summer 2006

Reaching Out to District 5 Residents

Dear District 5 Residents:

It is a pleasure to be representing you as County Commissioner. One of my goals is to seek new and better ways to serve you. As part of reaching that goal, I am updating my newsletter series to help you become better informed about events and issues related to your district. I have also improved my County website with information on County Hall, my appearances, and ongoing County projects related to our district.

This newsletter will serve as a periodic update on events in District 5 and what I am doing to improve our community.

Also, the website offers more in-depth information. There are now dedicated sections providing detailed information on legislation I sponsored, photo galleries from recent events, and helpful programs like the Mom and Pops Grants for District 5.

The website also offers a contact form providing residents with a new way to reach me and my staff. This form is designed to send your comments and concerns directly to me and/or any member of my staff to address your issue more effectively.

My website can be viewed at <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05>. If you would like additional copies of this newsletter, contact our main office at (305) 643-8525.

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Care to Represent Dist. 5?

Become part of a citizen advisory board. Contact Lourdes Marrero at (305) 643-8525 for more information on the following boards:

- Affirmative Action Advisory Board
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Rules & Appeals
- Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee
- Commission of Disability Issues
- Construction Trades Qualifying Board—Divisions A & B
- Minimum Housing Appeals Board
- Minority & Women-Owned Business Advisory Board
- Small Business Advisory Board
- Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee

Mom and Pop Grants Available to District 5 Local Businesses

The Mom and Pop Grants are a countywide program designed to offer assistance to small businesses. Commissioner Barreiro has worked for several years to distribute these funds to businesses in the district.

The grants have been useful to many local small businesses. For example, Karen Lawrence of Deco Candles admits that the grants are a big help. "When you give us the extra money, you are helping our businesses to grow." Deco Candles received a \$7,000 grant in 2005 and used the money for a new website and to participate in trade shows.



Commissioner Barreiro prefers to concentrate on certain areas of the district each year. This year, the priority was on the N.W. 7th Street corridor.

The deadline for 2006 passed on March 1st, however, interested businesses should contact the Main office for information about grants in 2007.

For more information about Mom and Pop Grants in District 5, go to <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05/mom-pop-grants.asp> or call (305) 643-8525.



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Helping Out After Wilma

Hurricane Wilma helped to remind us of Mother Nature's power and how South Florida can come together to help others. While the lack of electricity was a problem for residents, the fact that neighbors were still willing to help others made the recovery period easier to cope.

Commissioner Barreiro and his staff did their part assisting FEMA and other municipal and County employees in distributing ice, water, and other supplies at the Orange Bowl.

In cases where residents were not able to get to the Orange Bowl, Commissioner Barreiro worked late into the night in many instances to deliver supplies to those in trailer parks throughout the district. These



areas were hit hard and were in need of basic survival items after the storm.

Commissioner Barreiro also focused his efforts on providing food, water, and ice to the residents of local senior centers in Miami and Miami Beach.

Commissioner Barreiro and his staff would like to thank the organizations that participated in helping local residents immediately after Wilma and helped our office to distribute supplies throughout District 5. They would also like to remind you to be prepared for the 2006 hurricane season.

Additional pictures of the Wilma recovery can be viewed at <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05/pgwilma.asp>.

Commissioner Barreiro Donates Segways to City of Miami and Miami Beach Police Departments

Commissioner Barreiro donated two Segways HTs each to the Miami and Miami Beach Police Departments in an effort to assist in their law enforcement efforts. Presentations were done in Miami and Aventura in February.

"This is a great tool for community policing in areas of high pedestrian traffic," said Commissioner Barreiro. "I am happy that I can help our police personnel in this way."

Segways are self-balancing and environment-friendly scooters that can provide officers with more flexibility and the ability to patrol larger areas. Segways are battery powered and can reach speeds of 12 mph.

Segways provide several benefits for law enforcement. Police officers are able to be identified better because they stand several inches above the ground. These officers will be especially visible in Downtown Miami and South Beach. Officers on Segways are also able to respond to calls faster. The Segways in Miami will be used in particular for traffic management and crowd control.



Photo Credit: J. Perez—City of Miami

Additional pictures of the presentations can be viewed at <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05/pg051021.asp> and <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05/pg060223.asp>.



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Legislative Update

In County Hall, Commissioner Barreiro has worked diligently on different issues to help improve District 5 and Miami-Dade County.

Here are a few pieces of legislation that Commissioner Barreiro has worked on recently:

- Commissioner Barreiro sponsored an ordinance prohibiting convicted sexual offenders and predators from living 2,500 feet from other offenders and predators.
- In response to the power outage during the 2005 storms, he sponsored a resolution to conduct a study on installing underground utility facilities throughout the county. The benefit would ultimately be less outages and reduce the threat that power lines can pose.
- Commissioner Barreiro sponsored a resolution urging the



federal government to review its Wet Feet/Dry Feet policy in response to events in January. The aim is to clarify the details of the policy's implementation to repatriate refugees.

- He also sponsored a resolution urging the Department of

Homeland Security to grant temporary protected status to Haitian nationals.

- In an attempt to help the transportation issues in the county, Commissioner Barreiro sponsored a resolution urging the state legislature to dedicate \$50 million to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

For more information on legislation sponsored by Commissioner Barreiro, visit <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05/legislation.asp>.

Commissioner Barreiro Continues His County Workdays

Commissioner Barreiro carried on his series of working alongside other County employees to help improve District 5. In the process, he gets a better perspective as to what these employees face on a regular basis.

In February, Commissioner Barreiro took time to work with the Miami-Dade County Marine Patrol Unit. He patrolled Downtown Miami and helped enforce the manatee zones.

In March, Commissioner Barreiro continued his work day series by helping the Miami-Dade County Parks Department to clean up sections of Miami Beach.

"I'm hopeful that this experience will establish new relationships for the government with the residents of Miami-Dade County and its employees," said Commissioner Barreiro. "The beaches are one of our most important natural resources, so I look forward to another work experience where I can make a difference."

Commissioner Barreiro plans on continuing this series and working with other County departments in the near future.

Additional pictures of the work days can be viewed at <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05/pg060222.asp> and <http://www.miamidade.gov/district05/pg060313.asp>.












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Meet Our Staff

Get to know our staff! Each of us are here to serve you. To reach any member of our staff, please call (305) 643-8525.

	Armando Aguilar—Roving Crew —Armando's duties focus mainly on maintaining and improving the aesthetics throughout the district.	
	Leo Blake—Intern —Leo works with Armando throughout the district to help maintain and improve the aesthetics throughout the district.	
	Raul Gonzalez—Commission Aide —Raul serves as a messenger for the Commissioner and his staff amongst his many duties in the office.	
	Lourdes Marrero—Scheduler —Lourdes manages Commissioner Barreiro's schedule. She can help you if you would like to set up time with the Commissioner. She can be reached at lour@miamidade.gov	
	Maria Elena Sanchez—Receptionist —Maria Elena greets visitors to the main office, provides information, and performs other clerical duties. She can be reached at mes2@miamidade.gov .	
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	Loreta Sanchez—Office Manager —Loreta manages all office operations and is in charge of District 5's communications and finances. Loreta can be reached at loms@miamidade.gov .	
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